

PROCLAMATION **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** NOVEMBER 15, 2004

WHEREAS, waste reduction and recycling have increased in recent years, especially for cardboard, newsprint and other papers, metal products, wood and yard waste; and

WHEREAS, to focus the nation's attention on the importance of recycling and purchasing recycled products, businesses, industries, government agencies, schools, nonprofit organizations and individuals have joined together to celebrate America Recycles Day; and

WHEREAS, participating in America Recycles Day is one way citizens can help raise awareness about the need to reduce waste by reusing, recycling and buying recycled products; and

WHEREAS, each year, North Dakotans dispose of about 4 pounds of solid waste per person per day; and

WHEREAS, the recycling industry employs hundreds of North Dakota residents, saves money and conserves landfill space; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to increase their recycling efforts at home, work and school and buy more recycled-content products; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 15, 2004, **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State